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type of prize this year.

The Gaelic Group, which is the parent company of R. G. Hardie, already sponsor Romilly Squire of Rubislaw, the internationally renowned Heraldic expert, to attend these games but wanted to do something a little more special this year by means of honouring the game's personal Piper, Nick Williams.

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Introducing Angus!

Tom and I have a "blended" family of cats. Narra The Wonder Cat aka The Queen, Sylvester, Peggie Hairy and Bicket came with me.

Angus Fangus Dangus and Miss Priss Von Hindenburg Rotunda Munchkin Black Cat Freeman came with Tom.

So far, the six ca-tats are doing just fine.

Shown here is Angus who is a Chartreuse Cat. He has a real crush on Miss Narra. Tom says she must like him too since he is in one piece and is not bleeding anywhere!

Angus has a huge collection of handsome gray "soooooots" which he keeps in his secret and private closet. He changes his soooooots several times each day.

A letter from your editor...

Happy! Happy!

I could not resist sharing this photo with you all! We're working on our announcements which will go out to our Christmas card list mostly...but I wanted you to share in what was the happiest time of my life.

We were married after being Handfasted for two years almost to the day. Tom and I have considered ourselves a committed couple for longer than that - and we have been friends for many years before that. So, after all that time, I was not prepared for the overwhelming emotions that just swept over both of us during the ceremony. Both of us had husky voices and shining eyes.

We had the best idea! Just before the ceremony, Tom found someone with a speaker phone and called his mother. Mom is ninety-four and can't travel because of her health. She had no idea that she would get to hear the wedding. It was adorable, too, as she would have comments on the proceedings every once in awhile. Everyone heard her say, "Oh, I hear Beth laughing!" She said, "That's my sweet son getting married!" And, we could all hear her telling someone, "I'm so happy he found our Beth!"

Billy Wallace from Westminster, SC made our cakes. The cake for the ceremony was gorgeous - I'll include a picture of it. It was iced with lavender fondant and was graced with a handmade sugar orchid as delicate and fragile-looking as any real one...and with tiny little flowers and leaves - all edible and handmade by Billy.

Our friend, Jeri Martin, who officiated at both the Handfasting and the wedding, gifted Tom with an absolutely delicious chocolate Groom's cake.

Billy made our cake for the Kingdome of Raknar Raid the following Sunday night following the Glasgow Highland Games in Lucas, Kentucky. We carried the cake in the car from Walhalla to Lebanon, Tennessee and then on to Glasgow, Kentucky without one single thing going wrong! It was not your usual wedding cake.



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Freeman, Jr.

It was made in the form of a Viking helmet - with "blood" in it. (Really cherry sauce that was delicious!) I'll hook on a photo of the Viking helmet cake too...My dear friend and "twin brother" Jim Walters of the Caledonian Kitchen carried the cake around and around and around and around the Raid for all to see - piped in by good friend Jim Pennington from Chattanooga.

Billy Wallace is a master cake maker! He is also a trained chef who is opening his own restaurant - *Oconee Bells* - in Westminster, SC. Thank you, Billy, for making our cakes magical.

A plug for Billy: If you need a wonderful, special cake, get in touch with me and I'll get you in touch with Billy. (Yes, he can ship cakes safely!) By the way, Billy Wallace is a fine Scottish athlete who competes in Highland Games all around the Southeast. He and his wife, Christine, are brand new parents of their sixth baby, Zoie.

A huge thank you goes to Jeri's daughters Drysdale Martin Wheaton and Susan Partyka who decorated the garden and patio with all the lovely white tulle and white flowers and made everything wonder-

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Our wedding cakes were not very "usual." On the left you'll see Jim Walters (of The Caledonian Kitchen) showing the Viking Helmet cake (created by Billy Wallace of Westminster, SC and all edible) to one and all at the Kingdome of Raknar "Raid" on the Sunday night following our wedding.

Rob Piland made our white gold horseshoe nails rings. Years ago, he also did the setting for my diamond which was given to me when I was born.



Billy Wallace also made this lovely fondant covered wedding cake for our Thursday night ceremony in Lebanon, TN. The orchid and all those tiny flowers and leaves were all made by Billy and were edible (They were eaten, except for the orchid which we saved!) Contact Beth if you would like to have Billy Wallace make a special cake for you!

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ful and festive. Jeri's granddaughter, Becky Wheaton, mowed the yard and helped everyone with everything.

Our long-time friend, Rob Piland of R.E. Piland Goldsmiths hand made our rings - horseshoe nails of white gold with a blue diamond for me and a black diamond for Tom. A long time ago, Rob also made the setting for my diamond on my middle finger.

Our rings remember Tom's father who was a real horseman - as is Tom. You all know I am really a cowboy! We love the rings!

After our huge Handfasting in 2007, we thought our wedding would be very simple. There was no guest list. There was nothing fancy...but Jeri, Drysdale, Susan, Becky,

Rob Piland and Billy Wallace made it the most special day of our lives.

A special thank you to my many-years friend, Jeri Martin who opened her home, her heart and her garden to us. Jeri officiated at our Handfasting and it was our great privilege for her to officiate at our wedding too. Thank you, dear Jeri.

Our wedding was special because it was made by our friends..

My publications have always been written with the thought in my mind that the folks who read it are good friends...so, it is just natural that we would share this joyous time with you.

A lady after my own heart! Mavis Turnbull Lockwood!

Mavis Turnbull Lockwood is still up to her old tricks. Mavis, an avid horsewoman, has just completed her third time of participating in Riley's Ride, a reenactment of Jack Riley's last trip (*The Man From Snowy River*). The ride is a several day journey (120 km) on horseback that includes meter wide paths and 100 meter drop offs. There are steep climbs and descents to reach the 6000 ft peak, as well as a river crossing. After completing the ride, Mavis said "The scenery is beautiful, but hard on the horses." But evidently not too hard on 82 year old Mavis! She's already signed up for next year's ride.

Mavis is a pioneer in Australian horse racing. She started riding when she was just 4 years old. Her father made her ride bareback and when she could do that he gave her a saddle with no stirrups. When she proved herself on the saddle, he added the stirrups.

History making is old hat for Mavis and includes being the first woman trainer to first woman rider. It seems in one Oakbank race her jockey didn't show up, so she rode the horse herself. The old days also included entertaining the crowds which led to jumping a horse over a motor vehicle. She has kept almost every trophy won and has an extensive trophy and memorabilia room.

Today, Mavis lives with her son, Robert, in Mil-Lel, near Mount Gambier, South Australia. They live on a farm that has been in her family for over 100 years. She continues to train and take care of 14 horses.

Despite cancer in 2008, Mavis hasn't given up. She fast tracked her recovery so she could compete at her local Mil-Lel show, which celebrated 70 years. Mavis has ridden in 69 of the 70 years. She missed a year because she was giving birth to her son.

Mavis has no intention of stopping riding. She says she told her pony, "Mum lived to 105...sure is I'll be riding you when I'm 100."

And if three days on horseback wasn't enough,



Mavis ended Riley's Ride by riding the bucking mechanical bull at The Man from Snowy River Festival (Corryong, Australia). The usual fee for riding the bull

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Clan Leslie Society International is now on Facebook

CLSI now has its own page on the popular networking site Facebook. Our page lists upcoming events and has listings of members hosting Clan Leslie tents at Scottish Festivals around the world.

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bers of Facebook. It's really a great way to keep in touch with other CLSI members.

If you would like to have a Leslie event posted on our page, please email your information to Laura Messing at designinvasion@gmail.com.



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Mavis Turnbull Lockwood, *con't from page 6*
was waived. Mavis outrode the average 80 second
ride, staying on for 90 seconds.

Way to go Mavis!

To watch an interview with Mavis and see her
trophy room go to <http://www.abc.net.au/>

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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

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A Piper has long since held a position of significant honour within a Scottish family or Regiment, so honouring the game's piper was seen as entirely appropriate. Also, the Chief of the games this year was none other than the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Glasgow, and R. G. Hardie are based in Glasgow.

A beautiful custom made set of pipes was created, all by hand, including Blackwood with imitation ivory & nickel slides & caps, African Blackwood solo chanter, Flexistick blowstick, Sheepskin bag and Cane reeds. A set of pipes that any piper would be proud of. Next, a special presentation was organized to take place during the opening ceremonies where The Earl of Glasgow, who was delighted to make the presentation, would call Mr Williams from the field to receive his gift.

The day of the games could not have been better. The temperature was a lovely 83 degrees, far bet-

ter than previous years which saw temperatures soar to 100+. Opening ceremonies began with the traditional procession of various dignitaries across the field to the reviewing stand. The National anthems of Scotland, Canada and the United States were sung followed by The Earl of Glasgow addressing the public and officially opening the games.

Next, and directly after Lord Glasgow's address, a startled Mr Williams was summoned by the MC to the reviewing stand. An explanation of the gift was then made by Romilly Squire of Rubislaw to the crowd followed by the presentation of the pipes by Lord Glasgow. Mr Williams, despite being overwhelmed by the gift, proceeded to play a verse of "Scotland the Brave" on the new pipes, much to the delight of the crowd.

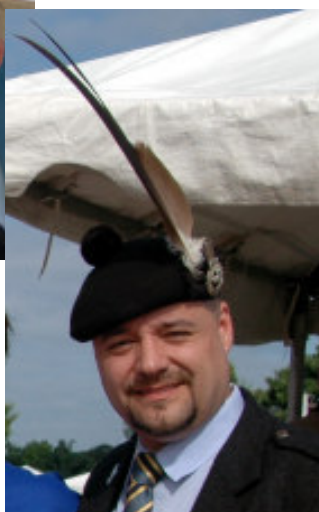
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Angus Crabbie appointed to British Council's Challenge Europe Team



Angus Crabbie, Director of the Trees4Scotland project, has been appointed onto the British Council's Challenge Europe Team to represent Scotland.

In 2008, the British Council launched the European element of its global climate programme; Challenge Europe. The Challenge Europe project is a three-year project that aspires to make a definite and lasting impact on the climate change debate and is ambitious in its aim to accelerate change to a low carbon future. This summer, they are starting the second year of the project with activity in 15 countries across Europe.

In each of the participating countries they select 15 young people from all walks of life to become "Climate Advocates.". In exchange for the chance to participate in the project, Climate Advocates are asked to commit approximately 150 hours of their time. Over the period of one year, each country team will work collaboratively to identify key areas where they think they can make a real difference and to develop three concrete ideas to reduce carbon use through changes in policy, business or human behaviour.

The groups will then pitch their ideas to broader publics, specifically reaching out to decision-makers and organizations, campaigning for implementation and support in an effort to make the ideas become reality.

Throughout the programme, The British Council actively partner with a number of organizations across Europe spanning all sectors; including the corporate, non-governmental, environmental and academic worlds. Through these partnerships, they will support Angus and the other Climate Advocates in their quest, offering them access to some of the best minds in Europe through established networks of expert environmental groups and centres of excellence.

The philosophy of the campaign is simple: to create momentum through collaboration, innovation, energy, drive, passion, understanding and knowledge-sharing.

Well done, Angus, and good luck!

For further information, please click <http://www.challengeeurope.britishcouncil.org>

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Genealogical societies hold free meetings & programs. You're invited!

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., will hold their monthly meeting on August 22, 2009, at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Fl., at 1:30 p.m.

We are extremely pleased to have as our speaker Mr. James Mitchell Brown, MA. Mr. Brown's program will be "Federal-Land States and Their Land Records."

These records often contain critical evidence that can be used in serious genealogical investigation."

Mr. Brown will have a power-point presentation and provide a detailed syllabus. For additional information please feel free to contact Mary Chauncey, (904-781-9300).



The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., will hold their monthly meeting at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, Jacksonville, Fl., 6887 103rd Street, July 11, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

We are fortunate to have as our speaker, Mr. Richard Minor, Jr., Regional Director of the Jacksonville Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum. His presentation will be "Original Manuscripts and the Karpeles Collection."

This should prove to be a most interesting meeting.

For additional information please feel free to contact Mary Chauncey, at (904)781-9300.

Saturday, July 11, 2009 there will be a free program on *Long Distance Genealogical Research* from 10am-12:15pm at the Fort Myers-Lee County Library featuring Bryan L. Mulcahy.

Bryan says, "Locating genealogical information

about ancestors presents many challenges. When you live hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of residence, it may feel impossible to accomplish. This seminar will focus on options that researchers may use when trying to conduct genealogical searches in other parts of the United States and overseas."

Saturday, August 29, 2009 the subject of a free seminar will be *Genealogical Clues in Census Re-*

turns from 10 AM until 12:15 PM at the Fort Myers-Lee County Library, again featuring speaker Bryan L. Mulcahy

Mulcahy says, "Census records are excellent sources for locating ancestors in a specific time period and place of residence. The questions asked often provide valuable clues to additional

records and sources. Yet many people don't realize that as the census developed over the decades, the amount of detail required in question varied. This seminar will discuss the link between the census and additional sources of information."

All programs are free and open to the public. To register for any of the programs listed above, please call (239) 533-4600 and tell them you wish to sign up for the genealogy program of your choice. You may also sign up for these programs by contacting Bryan Mulcahy via e-mail at bmulcahy@leegov.com. Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917. Tel: (239) 533-4626. Fax: (239) 485-1160. E-Mail: bmulcahy@leegov.com

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St. Albans Records useful in Canadian genealogy

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Fort Myers/Lee County (FL) Library

Anyone tracing ancestors who may have entered the United States through Canada should take the time to become familiar with the St. Albans records.

Unfortunately, prior to January 1895, no official documentation exists for people who came across the United States/Canadian border. If you are searching for someone who came prior to January 1895, many professionals recommend checking church records, vital records, land/tax records, occupational licenses, and other types of civil records, and passenger lists generated at ports of entry in the Canadian Maritime Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec.

Some other possible areas that may generate success are cities such as Boston, Portland (Maine), and various Pacific ports that had consistent traffic and commerce with Canada. One may find clues that could allow the researcher to make some educated guesses or lead to additional records.

St. Albans border crossing records are lists of immigrants who crossed the border from Canada to the United States between 1895 through 1954. The title can be misleading in terms of the geographical scope of information. Some beginners assume that the records only contain information for the immediate area surrounding St. Albans, Vermont. In reality, they contain records of immigrants crossing over from Canada to the United States in all states located along the border with Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans. This encompasses the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Maine.

St. Albans records contain much of the same information as would be found on ship passenger lists. Some are actual passenger lists. However, St Albans

records contain more specific information and details pertaining to individuals than would be found in standard passenger lists. Our companion study guides *Canadian Research* and *Immigration Across the United States/Canadian Border* provide more detailed information on this subject in terms of specific questions and procedures.

As of January 1, 1895, United States border inspectors stationed along the vari-

ous entry points along the Canadian border required that those entering Canada through sea ports obtain a **Certificate of Admission**, after passing a health inspection and quarantine. Railroads required a **Certificate of Admission** if the passenger arrived in Canada within the previous 30 days. At land border “ports”, inspectors prepared the **List (or) Manifest of Alien Passengers Applying for Admission to the United States from Foreign Contiguous Territory** form, which is also called the **Form 1-Canada**.

This list refers to two sets of people:

1. Immigrants who may have lived in Canada for months/years prior to entering the U.S., and who came from a nation other than Canada, up to October 1, 1906
2. After October 1, 1906 the list then refers to the second set, which included Canadians in addition to those from another nation.

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Make plans now to attend the AGM of the Clan Stewart Society in America

The 2009 AGM of the Clan Stewart Society in America will be held in conjunction with the McPherson Scottish Festival, McPherson, Kansas on September 25 - 27.

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1. Unmarried boys and girls gathered around a bridal quilt and tossed a cat on it. The person closest to where the cat landed would be the next married.

2. If a girl has not made a quilt by the time she is 21, no man will want to marry her.

3. Using the marriage symbols of hearts, cupids, doves or love knots on a quilt before the girl was officially engaged



was to court spinsterhood or a broken engagement.

4. A vine or cable appliqued or quilted along the border of a bride's quilt must not be broken, because a break in the design foretold a marriage marred by tragedy or a life cut short by disaster.

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Can anyone help Mr. Jampoler?

I'm interested in a Royal Navy surgeon of the early 1800s named **JAMES FORRESTER**. He became a ship's surgeon in 1813 and died aboard *Amphitrite* when she ran aground of Boulogne in 1833. If anyone knows anything, please write **Andrew C.A. Jampoler, Outremer Farm, 43351 Spinks Ferry Road, Leesburg, VA 20176 USA.**

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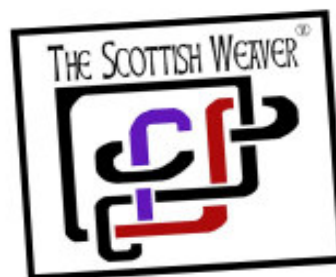
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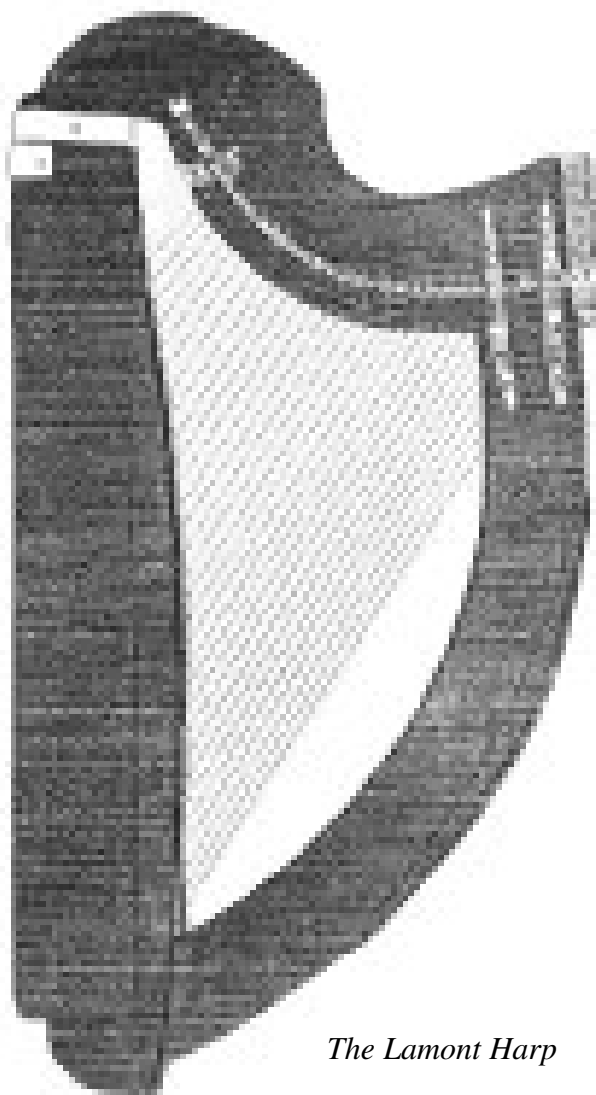
The Story of the Lamont Harp

The original instrument of Highland music wasn't the pipes but the harp or clarsach, which is known to have existed in almost prehistoric times. One of the earliest surviving examples is the famous clarsach *Laomannach*. Brought to the Robertson's of Lude in Perthshire by a Lamont bride from Cowal in 1460.

The extreme length of the Lamont harp is 38 inches and the extreme width from front to back is 18 ½ inches. The box which is hollowed out of one piece of wood is 30 inches long by 4 inches wide at top and 17 inches at the bottom, the depth of the side through-out is 4 inches wide with a swell of the front from sides and ends to the center of 1 inch under the projecting band through which the 32 string holes are pierced. The string holes each have an ornamental mounting of brass of peculiar form, all of the same pattern, except the 3 upper and 2 lower holes, which are of the horse-shoe shaped, terminating in quatrefoils.

There are 4 sound holes of 1 1/3 inches in diameter in front and the original back is gone, having been replaced by a new one.

It's currently housed in the National Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh, Scotland.



The Lamont Harp

A genealogical codicil to your will may be important to you! Here's a model...

Of course, it would be prudent to discuss this with your attorney or estate planning agent in advance and you will have to make changes to fit your particular needs, but this is a good beginning.

A Genealogical Codicil to my Last Will & Testament: To my Spouse, Children or Guardian: Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of

maintaining and continuing the family histories. In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials.

Please remember that my genealogy endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and requests.

Signed and dated by: Witnessed and dated by:
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Thanks to *Questing Heirs Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Questing Heirs Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 15102, Long Beach, CA 90815-0102.

Flowers of the Forest

John Edward Lamont, age 59, husband of Brenda Kay (Williams) Lamont, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, September 9, 2008 at Memorial Health. John was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on January 20, 1949 to Donald and Charlotte Lamont. He was a veteran of the US Navy. They relocated at Savannah, to raise their family. John worked for the Norfolk Southern Railroad for over 30 years. John's joy in life was his family. He coached his sons in their various athletic endeavors. He was involved in the Scottish Community. He and his father were founding members of Post 8 of the Scottish American Military Society where he served as commander. He was a Past President of Coastal Scottish Heritage Society and Past President of The Savannah Scottish Games and Highland Gathering. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years; Brenda, four sons, Christian (Celena), Donald (Shelly), James (Michelle), an adopted son Al (Elizabeth) Green;



two sisters, Donna Ottmer, Susan (Michael) Knipp. He was also a surrogate father to many others; He leaves behind six grandchildren, Katlyn, Kaleigh, Devin, Marie (Lamont), Celest and Bailey (Hadel). A memorial service was held on Saturday September 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Fairhaven Funeral Home. Please no flowers. Contributions may be made

to the charity of your choice.

William Manning Lehman, age 89, of Mountain Brook, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, the 12th of February 2008. He was retired from U.S. Steel after many years of service and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States

Air Force. Mr. Leman is survived by his wife, Jean Leman; and two step children, Mary Ellen Gerstacker and Walter Dale Gerstacker. Graveside services were Friday, the 15th of February at Elmwood Cemetery.



Making a positive footprint – a “green” message from Scotland!

Scots of the world will be uniting in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh on the weekend of 24th July 2009. Those of us living in Scotland are looking forward to the event as much as anyone and to opening our arms to the world.

Scotland rarely gets an opportunity like this to celebrate all things Scottish and we are delighted that this is happening in the special year of homecoming. There are expected to be 40,000 people congregating in Holyrood Park coming from all part of the world. What a site it will be!

Anything good always comes at a price, however, and in this case it is the carbon footprint created by all the additional travel to Scotland. Help is at hand however and The Gathering 2009 has teamed up with Trees4Scotland to provide an opportunity for visitors to

plant trees in Teaghlach Wood (meaning family or clan) both as a means to offset their impact of the environment and also to leave a legacy of the year of homecoming that can be enjoyed by many generations to come.

To put things in perspective a visitor flying from New York to Edinburgh return would need to plant two trees to offset the associated carbon footprint. If every visitor to Scotland took the positive step of even planting one tree then the country would be far better off for it.

Many of you have already planted trees in Teaghlach Wood and now have your names proudly displayed on the honours board – whether you are coming to Scotland this year or not. We sincerely

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A new Poet Laureate in Great Britain - and she's a Scot!

In 1668 Charles II appointed John Dryden to be the first Poet Laureate. Since then a long list of very notable poets have held the position. On Friday the 2nd of May the appointment of a new Laureate was made public.

The new peoples poet is Carol Ann Duffy, the first Scot, the first woman and mother to hold the post. Born in the Gorbals District of Glasgow she comes from working class stock. The family moved to England when she was five.

“At 53, Duffy is indisputably one of the finest poets of her generation, dubbed by some as a ‘super-star.’ Her poems are taught in schools, her books sell well and she is sought after for readings and festivals. She has an OBE and is professor of contemporary poetry at Manchester University, “it was said on her appointment.

Carol Ann has made it clear she will not be simply writing Royal poetry. She said that poetry is all about looking at the ordinary and transforming it. I have sent a letter of congratulation via the secretary of the Clan Macfie Society, who happens to be a Duffy.

Thanks to *Clan Macfie* newsletter. From Iain Morris Macfie, Ceann Cath, Coulintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland;. E-mail. imcfie103@btinternet.com

Help with some unusual names please

Do you know the origin of **NAWASSA**, **QUINDORA** and **MAMO**. The names **QUINDORA** and **NAWASSA** are our Mom's first and middle names. **QUINDORA NAWASSA CREMEANS**. **MAMO** was what we called her birth mother, our grandmother. If you have any information, please contact **Hal Lewis, 124 Cumberland Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14220**.

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A “geen” message, *continued from page 22*
urge those of you who are making the trip to please consider the environment and to leave Scotland with a positive footprint.

Planting trees is easy – just visit www.teaghlachwood.com

Thanks,

From all of us in Scotland.

Flowers of the Forest

J (John) Howard Standing passed away May 25, 2009 after a short battle with cancer. J Howard was born to R Howard and Anne Austin Standing on January 8, 1929 in Shoal Lake, Manitoba, Canada. His grandmother was Isabella Graham of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. He and his family immigrated to Los Angeles in 1945 where J enrolled at UCLA, graduating with a master's degree in Physiology. He spent the next several years working in the Department of Corrections as a parole officer. J Howard then entered Southwestern University School of Law graduating in 1965 and opened a law practice in 1966. He enjoyed all aspects of his legal career, specializing most recently in probate law.

He was very proud of his Scottish heritage and was a long time member of the St Andrew's Society of Los Angeles where he served as President for most of the years 1997 to 2007. He designed the California State District Tartan and shepherded a bill through the California State Legislature to final passage as the official California State Tartan. J. Howard's legal ability was brought into play as a prime mover behind passage of bills creating both a National and California State Tartan Day on April 6 of each year. J was honored at a Tartan Day Dinner sponsored by the Society and the Seaside Highland Games, an organization which he had served as Board member and legal counsel, on April 6 of this year.

J Howard is survived by his wife Joan (Cousins) Standing, his twin daughters, Juliann Watson and Caren Standing and four grandchildren. His sons Christopher Howard and Mark Hanley predeceased him.

A memorial service was held on June 18 at 2 pm at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, 505 N. Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in the name of J Howard Standing to the St. Andrew's Society of Los Angeles and sent to Dr. John Benton, President, at 635 Westbridge Place, Pasadena, California 91105 to further the Society's community outreach.



The Clan Stewart Society in America is saddened by the loss of **Captain W. Rennie Stewart** who died in 2007. He was a keen member and president of The Stewart Society for six years. **Duncan Louis Stewart** died

last year. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart, past president of the Stewart Society.

Clan Henderson genealogist, James E. Henderson, reports that his brother, **Ray Neal Henderson**, died 15 March 2009. James and his wife, have gone to Las Cruces, New Mexico for a belated memorial service. Ray's diagnosis was the reason they felt they could not be out of the country and so will miss The Gathering.

Please send information regarding the loss of loved ones or friends to:
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Of course, there is no charge.

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The ten most endangered battlefields in the nation? Where are they?



The 10 most endangered battlefields in the nation, as compiled by the Civil War Preservation Trust are: 1. Chancellorville, Virginia 2. Fort Donelson, Tennessee 3. Franklin, Tennessee 4. Glendale, Virginia 5. "The Hell Hole" (Pickett's Mill, New Hope Church, and Dallas) Georgia 6. Mansfield, Louisiana 7. Morris Island, South Carolina 8. New Bern, North Carolina 9. South Mountain, Maryland 10. Wilson's Creek, Missouri.

For more information, visit <www.civilwar.org>.

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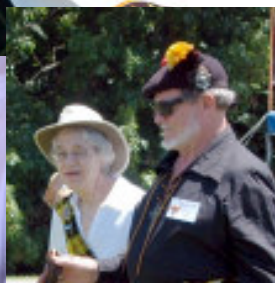
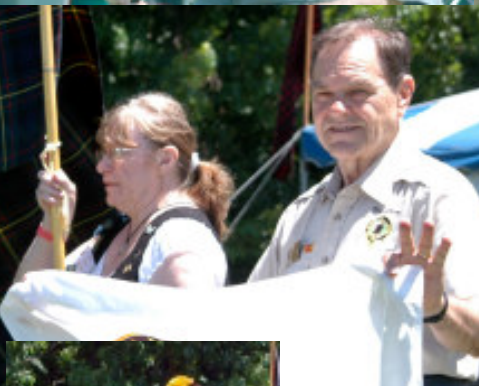
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Here's a query...and some help with queries

Seeking parents of **WILLIAM S. ROSS**, who married **ANNA CATHERINE BRINCKERHOFF**. Children: **MATTHEW FREEMAN, JACOB BRINCKERHOFF, SARAH SWAN, MARY BRINCKERHOFF, HANNA LOUISA, WILLIAM ROBERT. ANNA CATHERINE BRINCKERHOFF**, who married my grandfather **VALERIUS ELIA RAMSBURG** mid-1800s - **CAROLINE JOSEPHINE, DEWITT BRINCKERHOFF, EDWIN LESLIE**. Any information, please contact **Catherine Reams Braly, 22668-B Nadine Circle, Torrance, CA 90505**.

Here're some helpful suggestions on how to submit a query

1. Who are you looking for? Burial site, names of children, wife, etc. Be specific.

2. When providing the surname, are there other spellings that may have been used? Example: Calkins/Caulkins
3. Approximate dates, if available, are helpful in narrowing the search - birth, death, marriage, also, last known to be living in or near. Example: born 1848 NY, married Sarah Webster 1869. Lived in Grant co. 1880. Not listed as a survivor in daughter's obit in 1892.
4. Occupation - religion, if known.
5. If you are using the regular mail, always include a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope - don't expect a reply without one. An e-mail address is most helpful. Of course, you may submit your queries here for free...just email bethscribble@aol.com.

The Flower Flag near Vandenberg AFB



Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies.

It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB.

Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive

Order #10834. This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide.

This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.